




MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM: 
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DATE: May 7, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item IX: Consideration of resolution authorizing an application to the State Coastal Conservancy for Proposition 40 funds for the Ballona Wetlands Early Action Plan project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing an application to the State Coastal Conservancy for Proposition 40 funds for the Ballona Wetlands Early Action Plan project.

Background: The State Coastal Conservancy's (SCC) Early Action Plan for the Ballona Wetlands includes several small improvement projects to improve the interface between the wetlands and adjacent land uses. These projects can be implemented prior to full restoration of the Ballona Wetlands, and include gateway developments, perimeter trails and a signage program. MRCA staff propose to submit an application for funding to SCC to begin implementation of the projects identified in the Early Action Plan.

The requested funds would be used for project planning and design for the gateway improvements proposed for Fisherman's Village and Gordon's Market, and the signage program. MRCA proposes to provide Design Development, Construction Documents, Permitting and Regulatory Compliance, and Project Management services. Completion of construction documents is necessary to accurately estimate the construction costs. Following completion of the construction documents and permitting, capital improvement funds will be identified and secured.